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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 4512  
Inventor: Joerg SCHUMACHER  
Title: Apparatus and Method for Regulating the  
Weld Seam Position During Laser Welding  
of a Butt-Jointed Workpiece

Dear Sir:

1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:  
a) 36 consecutive pages of written description;  
    9 consecutive pages with 30 claims, 2 independent;  
    1 page with an abstract;  
    4 sheets with 4 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 4) of drawings;  
b) an unexecuted copy of the Declaration, Power of Attorney  
    with 3 pages;  
c) return receipt postcard; and  
d) Priority Document No. 102 34 242.3.

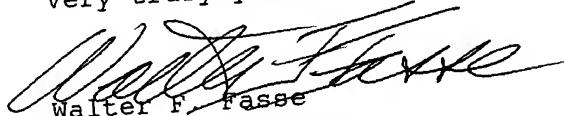
2) Form PTO-2038 WILL FOLLOW to cover the filing fee.

3) The Priority of an earlier application:  
No. 102 34 242.3, filed on July 9, 2002 in the Federal Republic of Germany  
is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please  
acknowledge the priority claim.

4) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.

5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:  
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Very truly yours,

  
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